

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Khanh Dinh

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 1/5/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-34.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 05 January 2005 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 1/5/2005
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


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Allowable Subject Matter

1. This is in response to the Request for Continued Examination filed on 1/5/2005.

Claims 1-34 are presented for examination.

2. Claims 1-34 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

None of the cited prior art discloses or teaches a method for playing a messaging prompt of a called party to a calling party, the method comprising a combination of: receiving calling party number information specifying a calling party, accessing stored calling party number information from an Internet Protocol (IP) based database server configured for storing calling party number information, comparing the received calling party number information to the stored calling party number information to determine if there is a match between the received calling party number information and the stored calling party number information, and based on a determined match, retrieving a personalized voice message of the called party corresponding to the matched, stored calling party number information, for playback as the messaging prompt. In the U.S. Pat. No.5,581,604, Robinson discloses s method for providing a telephone user (caller) with automated attendant functions including recording a new greeting for the caller after recognized the caller's identity and adding an audio message to the caller to a substitute called party before connecting the telephone calls. Robinson fails to teach

the steps of: accessing stored calling party number information from an Internet Protocol (IP) based database server configured for storing calling party number information, comparing the received calling party number information to the stored calling party number information to determine if there is a match between the received calling party number information and the stored calling party number information, and based on a determined match, retrieving a personalized voice message of the called party corresponding to the matched and playback as the messaging prompt

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Khanh Dinh whose telephone number is (571) 272-3936. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.m. to 5:00 P.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Zarni Maung, can be reached on (571) 272-3939. The fax phone number for this group is (703) 872-9306.

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